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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PINT, TD
SUBJECT: CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP OF OPPOSITION POSSIBLY
IMMINENT

REF: A) PORT OF SPAIN 860; B) PORT OF SPAIN 747

1. RECENTLY THERE HAVE BEEN FURTHER INDICATIONS THAT FORMER
LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION, BASDEO PANDAY, MAY BE ON THE VERGE
OF REGAINING THAT POSITION FROM RAFFIQUE SHAH. CENTRAL
TO THE SPECULATION ABOUT PANDAY'S POSSIBLE REINSTATEMENT
WAS HIS MARCH 23 MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CLARKE, WHICH
REPORTEDLY DEALT WITH THE OPPOSITION LEADERSHIP ISSUE.
ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, CLARKE CURRENTLY IS EXAMINING
THE QUESTION, WHICH INVOLVES A DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER
OR NOT CONVICTED UNITED LABOR FRONT (ULF) MP, BOODRAM
JATTAN, CAN SUPPORT SHAH--JATTAN HAS APPEALED HIS CONVICTION
BUT CURRENTLY IS ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM PARLIAMENT.
WITH JATTAN'S ABSENCE AND NANAN'S DEFECTION (REF B),
PANDAY'S ULF FACTION NOW HAS FIVE SEATS TO AHSH'S
FOUR. BOGGED DOWN IN A SERIOUS INTRAPARTY STRUGGLE
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WITH DR. WINSTON MURRAY, DEMOCRATIC ACTION CONGRESS
(DAC) CHAIRMAN, A.N.R. ROBINSON, HAS INDICATED THAT
HE WOULD NOT ACCEPT LEADERSHIP OF THE OPPOSITION IF
THAT MEANT DEPENDENCE (AS IT WOULD HAVE TO) ON ULF
SUPPORT.

2. COMMENT. ALTHOUGH PRESIDENT CLARKE MAY HOLD OFF

FROM NAMING PANDAY LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION UNTIL
JATTAN'S FUTURE IS CLEARER, THE BETTING HERE IS THAT
PANDAY WILL REGAIN THAT POSITION BEFORE LONG.
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